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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1629

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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UNCLAS DAMASCUS 823

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, SY

SUBJECT: SYRIAN MEDIA SUMMARY FOR FEB. 5, 1977

1. MEDIA LED WITHIMPLEMENTATION EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN UNIFIED  
POLITICAL COMMAND. PRESS HEADLINED "UNIFIED POLITICAL  
COMMAND HEADED BY ASAD AND SADAT; SYRIAN SIDE: AHMAR  
KHULAYFAWI, KHADDAM, AND TLAS. EGYPTIAN SIDE: MUBARAK  
SALIM, FAHMI AND GAMASY". EDITORIAL ON FORMATION OF COMMAND  
STRESSED THAT IT INDICATED RECAPTURE OF "SPIRIT OF OCTOBER  
AND ASSERTED IT WOULD LEAD TO NEW VICOTIRIES FOR ARAB  
NATION; MILITARILY AS WELL AS POLITICALLY". ISRAEL  
ACCUSED OF TRYING "TO FREEZE" POLITICAL SITUATION.  
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2. WALDHEIM VISIT ALSO RECEIVED PROMINENT, IF NOT  
SPLASHY COVERAGE. WALDHEIM SHOWN IN SEVERAL PHOTOS  
WITH FONMIN KHADDAM WITH WHOM HE MET AT 1830LT FEB.  
4 WITH SEVERAL SYRIAN FONMIN AND U.N. SENIOR STAFF  
MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE. WALHEIM SAID TO HAVE PUT  
FORWARD IDEAS RE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND TO HAVE DIS-

CUSSED AIMS OF HIS TOUR. EDITORIAL ON WALDHEIM VISIT  
ASSERTED HE WILL FIND IN SYRIA "INSISTENT WISH AND GOOD  
WILL TOWARDS MAKING A CONTRIBUTION THAT WOULD ACCELERATE  
PEACE STEPS WHICH U.S. HAS ENDORSED".

3. COMMENTARY IN THAWRA ENTITLED "WILL KING HUSSEIN  
AND YASSAR ARAFAT MEET SOON", ARGUED THAT RESTORATION  
OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES IS "NECESSITY.  
COLUMNIST MUHAMMAD ZUAITAR ATTACKED THOSE REJECTING  
SUCH A RECONCILIATION AS BEING MOTIVATED BY "PERSONAL  
FACTORS AND NARROW PRIVATE INTERESTS". HE ASKED  
RHETORICALLY HOW PALESTINIAN WEST BANK-GAZA STATE  
COULD BE ENVISIONED IF IT HOSTILE TO JORDAN AS WELL  
AS ISRAEL AND PROBABLY LEBANON?  
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